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REPORT

OF THE

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AUDITORS

ON THE

SELECTMEN'S, COLLECTOR'S, AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS,

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1879.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS.

RECEIVED.

Of different individuals and gave town notes as recorded in cash book at 4 1-2 per cent interest,	\$8,365 16
“ Sargent Heath, on his note,	85 00
“ E. T. Dudley for support of his boy,	20 00
“ County of Sullivan for support of Co. paupers,	813 03
“ State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	23 10
“ “ “ Savings' Bank tax,	182 16
“ “ “ Literary fund,	69 19
“ Town of Croydon for support of Mrs. Linda Bartlett,	20 85
“ H. J. Collins use of Town Hall,	4 50
“ W. W. Flanders, tax on John Williams' place,	8 13
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	\$9,591 12

CONTRA.

Paid to D. P. Goodhue, Treasurer for 1878, as shown by his receipts,	\$9,591 12
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TOWN LIABILITIES, MARCH 1, 1879.

Town notes with interest added,	\$17,689 58
Bonds sold in 1870,	6,050 00
“ “ “ 1872,	500 00
“ “ “ 1875,	3,800 00
Minister money unpaid,	19 22
School money unpaid to Dist. No. 12,	6 70
Coupons unpaid on Bonds,	31 50
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Total town debt,	\$28,097 00

TOWN AVAILABILITIES, MARCH 1, 1879.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, D. P. Goodhue,	\$65 44
Due from Jos. Davis, Jr., on Collector's bond of 1877,	170 94
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1878,	1,086 77
“ “ Sargent Heath on Heath & Stevens,	280 16
“ on U. S. Bounty,	1,150 00
“ from Concord, for aid rendered Nelson Young and family,	53 60
“ from State of N. H., bounties paid on foxes and hawks,	14 20
“ from C. V. Pillsbury on note,	83 36
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	\$2,904 47

Leaving town in debt over availabilities, \$25,192 53

Town debt, \$1,365 94 less than reported March-1, 1878.

DANIEL N. ADAMS,	} Selectmen of Springfield.
WILLIAM D. COLBY.	
HORACE W. STEVENS,	

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Reported due from Joseph Davis, Jr., on land sold for taxes of 1876.	\$90 81
J. Davis paid same to Treasurer, as reported by Treasrer,	90 81
Interest on same,	3 47
Reported due from Joseph Davis, Jr., on collector's bond for 1877,	760 00

The collector has paid on same as follows :

Cash, \$550 00

Taxes abated as follows :

Sarah P. Heath,	\$8 00	John Austin, Jr.,	\$2 50		
Laomi C. Aldrich,	6 25	Moses Bean,	2 00		
Albert Emerson for		John H. Prescott,	1 06		
E. H. Hibbard,	50	Moses L. Sanborn,	3 30		
Francis Richardson,	5 45	Wm. H. Stickney,	2 50		
Thomas Wiggins,	2 50	Amos H. Pillsbury,	2 50		
Walter E. Stickney,	2 50				\$ 39 06
Balance due on said bond,					170 94
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					\$760 00

Also received interest on same as reported,	19 76
Amount of taxes assessed in 1878 and put into hands of Joseph Davis, Jr., collector for 1878,	\$4,878 01
Cash paid Treasurer on same,	3,778 25
Taxes abated as follows:	
Chas. P. Carpenter, \$1 00	Richard Messer, \$2 50
James H. Messer, 3 15	J. Albert Little, 2 00
Melvin A. Tenney, 84	James Morgan, 1 00
William Hubbard, 2 50	<hr/> \$ 12 99
Due on bond,	1,086 77
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TREASURERS' ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Treasurer for 1877,	\$1,513 56
“ Selectmen for 1878,	9,591 12
“ on Collector's bond for 1877,	589 06
“ interest on same,	19 76
“ on Collector's bond of 1878,	3,791 24
“ Joseph Davis, Jr., amount for lands sold as reported last year,	90 81
“ interest on same,	3 47
“ D. N. Adams, interest on cash,	3 75
“ C. J. Heath, interest,	23
“ S. B. Loverin,	36
	<hr/> \$15,603 36

PAID OUT BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1.	William H. Quimby,	\$100 46
“ 2.	F. T. Underhill,	49 54
“ 3.	Hosea B. Chase,	45 82
“ 5.	E. A. Washburn,	47 13
“ 6.	F. B. Pillsbury,	69 12
“ 8.	Charles Morrill,	47 62
“ 9.	M. T. Chase,	69 38
“ 10.	D. E. Ryder,	55 63
“ 11.	N. R. Lovering,	49 63
“ 12.	T. B. Abbott,	25 00
“ 13.	J. F. Hardy,	67 54
	Boyce & Colly,	5 14
		<hr/> \$632 01

Paid State Tax,	440 00
Paid County Tax,	489 76

EXTRA REPAIRS ON ROADS.

A. J. Loveland, plank and labor,	\$ 53
Jona Currier, 4 1-2 days, 4 50, plow .60,	5 10
James H. Hardy, self and cattle 1 day,	2 00
Ephraim Davis, 4 days work,	4 00
Albert Haseltine, labor 1 75, plank 50,	2 25
H. J. Cole, labor,	10 00
J. B. Richardson, labor 13 75, plow 75,	14 50
Charles McDaniel, 577 feet plank,	3 76
J. T. Colby, 300 ft. timber, 2 00, 1020 ft. plank, 6 63,	8 63
Lewis Pluard, 4 days labor,	4 00
J. H. Cofran, 4 days labor,	4 00
A. B. Putney, timber, labor and cash paid out,	8 60
J. L. Brown, 3 days, self and oxen, 6 00, 3-4 day, 75,	6 75
Sylvester C. Fowler, 2 days labor,	2 00
Geo. H. Morgan, 168 ft. plank,	1 08
M. C. Fowler, labor, self and cattle,	5 72
D. S. Luce, 5 days, 5 00, cattle 2 days, 2 00, use of plow and cart, 1 50, lumber and labor, 2 50,	11 00
Orwin P. Heath, labor and plank, 93, 1 day's work, 1 00,	1 93
M. A. Burnham, 2 days labor,	2 00
Chas. P. Wells, labor and plank,	8 79
T. S. Chase, labor on road in 1877 and 1878,	7 75
John Robie, 2 days labor on road,	2 00
F. T. Underhill, 2 days labor,	2 00
S. P. Colby, 7 1-2 days labor,	7 50
Sargent Heath, 3258 ft. plank, 21 17, 30 hours labor, 3 00,	24 17
M. M. Davis, 802 ft. plank, 5 21, labor and use of plow, 2 65,	7 86
Thomas H. Piper, 40 loads gravel (Wilmot),	2 00
Ephraim Davis, 1 day's labor,	1 00
Isaac R. Chase, labor 2 days and cash paid out,	3 02
H. T. Sanborn, labor,	1 50
Moses O. Boyce, 5 days work, 5 00, turning water, 1 00,	6 00
Wm. D. Colby, labor and use of cart,	10 60
Wm. D. Colby, cash paid out on roads,	21 40
H. W. Stevens, labor, 10 60, cash paid out, 1 65,	12 25
H. W. Stevens, 730 ft. plank,	4 74
A. J. Kidder, 8 days self and oxen, 8 00, use of plow and cart, 2 81,	10 81
John N. Hardy, labor and cash paid, 1 00,	6 40

C. F. Hill, 725 ft. plank,	4 71
Wm. M. Powers, 2 days labor,	2 00
E. E. & P. B. Loverin, 910 ft. plank in 1877,	7 28
F. H. Stevens, 4 days 4 00, on bridge, &c., 55,	4 55
D. O. Loverin, 2070 ft. timber for Washburn bridge,	6 11
John Heath, 3 days work, 3 00, timber, plow, and cart, 1 00,	4 00
Frank C. Randall, 1 1-2 days labor,	1 50
Kirk M. Tenney, 1-2 days work on road,	50
John S. Colby, 3 1-2 days work (nearly),	3 40
Garrard F. Heath, 1 1-2 days work,	1 50
E. E. Loverin, labor, 40 hours,	4 00
F. P. George, 322 ft. plank, 2 09, 17 hours work, 1 50,	3 59
J. F. Hardy, 100 ft. plank, 65, use plow and cart, 1 00, 38 hours work, 3 80,	5 45
Levi F. Hill, 4 1-2 days work on Bowman road,	3 37
John Wiggin, self and horse on building bridge, 2 00, 1-2 days labor, 50,	2 50
William Melendy, 14 hours work,	1 40
H. H. Philbrick, repairing bridge,	50
Sargent Heath, 220 ft. 1 43, 33 hours work, 2 57,	4 00
Gilman B. Smith, labor, 2 00, plank, 40,	2 40
Asa F. Pillsbury, labor,	2 25
Joseph Davis, Jr., labor and cash paid out,	5 45
D. N. Adams, cash paid Buren Carter, 2 00, powder, fuse, and spikes, 48,	2 48
Charles McDaniel, labor and cash paid on road near Sargent Heath's,	2 00
George W. Clark, timber,	1 00
Henry Robie, plank,	1 50
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	\$315 08

MISCELLANEOUS.

P. H. Whitcomb, printing reports for 1877,	\$18 50
Rev. B. P. Spaulding, Methodist Min. money for 1876 and 1877,	6 06
D. P. Goodhue, certificates of births and deaths,	6 00
Rev. L. Bailey, Christian Min. money for 1878,	11 75
T. H. Quimby, guide posts and boards,	16 00
F. H. Stevens, digging 5 graves,	9 50
F. P. George, use of watering tub,	1 50
John F. Hardy, school-house tax, No. 13,	18 00
H. J. Collins, care of town house,	4 00

Horace W. Stevens, cash paid for bounties,	2 60
Wm. D. Colby, " " " "	2 70
D. N. Adams, " " " "	8 90
D. N. Adams, cash paid for order books, Surveyor's and Collector's books, stationery, keeping tramps, etc.,	21 18
J. Davis, Jr., for non-resident highway taxes worked,	67 76
D. P. Goodhue, cash paid for check-lists, stationery, 1 59, taking affidavits, 1 00,	2 59
M. M. Wiggins, stationery and stamps,	2 23
Joseph Davis, Jr., taxes abated on bond of 1877,	39 06
Joseph Davis, Jr., " " " 1878,	12 99
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	\$251 32

DAMAGES.

Paid Talant Boyce, damage by dogs killing sheep,	\$ 6 00
George F. Pettengill, damage to self, horse, wagon and harness on bridge near Nichol- as Hardy's,	20 00
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	\$26 00

PAUPER BILLS.

George H. Abbott,	\$ 29 30
Gilman P. Abbott and family,	198 19
Salome Clifford,	55 90
Nelson Young's family,	49 45
Charles E. Fletcher,	1 00
Giles E. Fletcher,	14 30
Austin children,	63 67
D. E. Clossey and family,	104 27
Joseph Cole,	41 02
Mrs. Priscilla Hook,	66 68
Philinda Quimby,	53 00
Jeremiah Stevens' family,	108 52
Mrs. Linda A. Bartlett,	20 85
Hutchins' family,	49 59
Moses C. Colcord's family,	67 70
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	\$923 44
Received from County of Sullivan,	\$754 03
" " E. T. Dudley,	20 00
" " Town of Croydon,	20 85
Due from Concord,	53 60
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	\$848 48
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Cost of town paupers the past year,	\$ 74 96

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Daniel N. Adams, Selectman.

Four days taking inventory, 5 00; 6 days making taxes, collector's book, etc., 7 50; 2 1-2 days town business, 3 13; making up county paupers bills, 3 00; 2 days at Newport, settling county pauper bills for the year, and expenses, 5 00; 3 days copying inventory and taxes, 3 75; 1 day with commissioners, 1 25; time, team and expenses in pauper cases, 10 38; 1 day making check-list and warrant, 1 25; 7 1-2 days on town business, settling up and making report to auditors, 9 38; \$49 60

William D. Colby, Selectman.

Four and one-half days taking inventory, 5 62; 5 days making taxes, 6 25; 4 days on road and other town business, and attending juror meetings, 5 50; 1 day perambulating S. and Grafton town line, 1 25; 6 1-2 days settling up, and with auditors, 8 13; time and team in case of Nelson Young, 5 38; 32 13

Horace W. Stevens, Selectman.

Four days taking inventory, 5 00; going to Wil-
mot for coffin for Hutchins, 1 00; 5 days making tax-
es, surveyors' warrants, etc., 6 25; attending 2 juror
meetings and other town business, 1 75; perambulat-
ing town line S. and Grafton, .50; 8 days settling
bills, making warrants and check-lists, and with
auditors, 8 50; 23 00

Paid D. P. Goodhue, treasurer,	20 00
Joseph Davis, Jr., collector,	40 02
Charles McDaniel, S. S. Committee,	20 00
Sanborn and McDaniel, committee on C. V. Pills- bury case,	8 00
McDaniel and Johnson, auditors,	5 00

\$197 79

Paid on notes,	\$9,646 52
“ bonds,	1,903 50
“ coupons of Feb. 1878.	45 00
“ “ of Aug. 1878,	361 50
“ “ of Feb. 1879,	306 00

\$12,262 52

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received by treasurer,	\$15,603 36
Whole amount paid by treasurer :	
School money,	632 01
State tax,	440 00
County tax,	489 76
Road bills,	315 08
Miscellaneous,	251 32
Damages,	26 00
Pauper bills,	923 44
Town officers,	197 79
Bonds, notes and coupons,	12,262 52
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	15,537 92
Cash in treasurer's hands,	65 44
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	\$15,603 36

D. P. GOODHUE, *Treasurer.*

The Auditors have attended to their duties and find the Selectmen's, Collector's and Treasurer's accounts properly kept and correctly vouched for. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES McDANIEL, }
 JOHN H. JOHNSON, } *Auditors.*

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD.

Another year has passed and it again becomes our duty to make such suggestions relative to our schools as we may think useful. The general appearance for the past year has been for the better; we have not been called upon to decide any knotty points nor to reconcile matters of controversy in any school. And from only one or two districts has our attention been called to any misdemeanor, which is certainly very gratifying to us all. Prudential committees have exercised more than ordinary care in the selection of teachers, which is one of the great essentials of good schools. In selecting our teachers we should be sure and consult with those who are acquainted with the applicant, if we do not know them personally, and inquire into their character, ability to teach, and former success. This has been done in most cases during the past year, and we have reaped the benefits thereof. No change has been made in school books, but many ancient ones left at home and our scholars are being better classified.

A new form of register was furnished us for the past year, which requires much skill to properly fill out as required by law. Yet it is nothing more nor less than what we need from which to make our state report, which should be correct. And we should insist that each teacher should *entirely* fill the same in *every* respect before receiving their pay, as by law required. At the close of the winter term of school in Centre district, No. 1, the teacher and others held a lyceum or meeting at the town hall. The programme, which consisted of declamations, recitations, singing, reading of paper by Misses Adams and Nichols, and discussing a question in regard to school government, was

participated in by scholars of this and other districts, and other teachers, parents and citizens. We think meetings of this kind during our fall and winter terms of school would be of great advantage to teachers, scholars and citizens. We hope we may have a series of them to discuss school questions during the next year. The following special report of each school gives you our ideas of the schools as they appeared upon personal examination.

CENTRE DISTRICT, No. 1.

Summer term 11 weeks ; 18 scholars ; taught by Miss Clara A. Purmort of Enfield. This school was indeed No. 1. in all respects. Miss Purmort having had considerable experience in teaching, and being a graduate of our State Normal School, instructed her pupils with a clear understanding of their several wants. Reading, writing, and map-drawing, appeared to have been well studied and understood. Grammar, geography and arithmetic classes very thorough, especially the primary or mental arithmetic class, which was instructed in written arithmetic, working upon blackboard with perfect ease and explaining accurately. Roll of Honor : Mary H. Collins, Mary E. Heath, Lucinda F. Heath, Alice E. Sanborn, Fred J. Collins, Clarence D. Collins, David H. Goodhue.

Winter term 13 1-2 weeks ; 33 scholars ; by Alvin B. Cross of Wilmot. This was his first work as a common school teacher ; he having been educated at Larry's "School of Practice," made his teaching of a practical kind, applying the principles of the several studies to business. During the first part of the term there were many small scholars who found it hard work to be quiet. At my second visit I found less confusion ; at the close there were but few present, for various reasons, and they having attended regularly passed a good examination, having made good progress. Roll of Honor : Mary H. Collins.

KEMPTON DISTRICT, No. 2.

Summer term, 7 weeks ; 17 scholars ; winter term, 10 weeks ; 15 scholars ; each term taught by Miss Lucy A. Hoyt of Orange. This teacher gave universal satisfaction during the summer term, and the public examination at the close was very good.

Some outside dissatisfaction arose during the winter term which detracted from the pleasantness of the school. Yet at the examination we found the reading much improved, also the arithmetic, grammar and geography classes. The higher classes not so thorough, having attended irregularly on account of sickness. Roll of Honor: summer term, Carrie V. Dow.

SMITH DISTRICT No. 3.

Ten weeks; 12 scholars; only one term, taught by Mr. Anthony C. Jewett, a young man of good qualifications for teaching. At our first visit the school appeared very nicely; order, perfect; good instruction given in each study. At the close the scholars, part of them, appeared to be uneasy and inclined to whisper, much to their own and each other's injury. The several classes recited well, especially the class in grammar. Several more of these pupils should study grammar during the next term, and make reading, spelling and speaking more of a speciality. Roll of Honor: Oren T. Colby.

WASHBURN DISTRICT, No. 5.

Summer term, 8 weeks; 16 scholars; winter term, 8 weeks; 15 scholars. Taught by Mrs. H. C. Clough of Grantham, a lady of mature years and much experience in teaching, also in superintending the schools of her town in previous years. Consequently with regular attendance, as was the case in this district, we could not fail to have profitable terms of school.

Roll of Honor: summer term, Freddie Washburn, Andrew Colcord,* Frank Colcord, Carrie McDaniel, Catie Ann McDaniel, Catie McDaniel,* Almira Colcord,* Minnie T. Clark. Winter term, Marshal P. Clark, Carrie McDaniel, Catie Ann McDaniel,* Arthur Colcord,* Minnie T. Clark.

PHILBRICK DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term, 10 weeks; 13 scholars; winter term, 12 weeks; 17 scholars. Miss Flora C. Clough of Grantham, teacher. Miss Clough has the honor of always having her schools a decided success. The scholars here were mostly very young, but the examination was very interesting and satisfactory. Think no one could find fault with this school or No. 5.

——*Died of Diphtheria. Also Mary Colcord and Arthur Q. McDaniel.

Roll of Honor, summer term : Harry, Arthur and Sarah Colcord, Carl B. and Lennie Philbrick, Lavina Pillsbury. Winter term : Carl B., Lennie and Leona Philbrick, Jeletsia, Lavina and Zena Pillsbury.

FOWLER DISTRICT, No. 8.

Summer term, 7 weeks ; 14 scholars. Winter term 6 1-5 weeks ; 16 scholars. Each term taught by Miss Hattie E. Webster of Wilmot. This teacher has had considerable experience in teaching, and at the close of the summer term we found the general appearance of the school very much improved, especially the reading classes. Winter term showed a good beginning, the scholars being taught to be self-dependent in thought and expression. On account of teacher being sick the school closed sooner than we expected, and we did not visit it but once the last term.

Roll of Honor, summer : term Nettie Fowler, Viola, Walter, Bertrand and Earnest Morrill, Willie Fowler. Winter term : Lizzie Stevens, Nettie Fowler, Walter, Herbert, Alfred and Charles Morrill.

MESSER DISTRICT, No. 9.

Summer term, 7 weeks ; 19 scholars. Miss Lucie A. Young of Sunapee, teacher. Being her first school she made a wise choice in governing by love and kindness. The closing examination in presence of several of the district was very satisfactory, each class doing well, especially the grammar.

Roll of Honor, Ulyses S. George.

Winter term, 8 weeks ; 17 scholars. Myra A. Towne of Boscawen, teacher, who succeeded, not only in keeping up this school to where it closed, but improving in nearly all respects. The public examination was full as satisfactory as that of the summer term.

Roll of Honor : John L. Jewett.

STOCKER DISTRICT, No. 10.

Summer term, 9 weeks ; 21 scholars. Winter term, 13 weeks ; 25 scholars ; taught by Warren L. Pettengill of Enfield, who fully sustained his former reputation previously gained here and elsewhere. A brilliant examination at close of summer term.

There was a larger proportion of advanced scholars here than in any other district in town during past year, only a little more than half of whole number of pupils present at close of winter term, from various causes. Those present exhibited a very good improvement, especially in analysis and parsing. Also the advanced class in mental arithmetic, having completed the book.

Roll of Honor, summer term: Hiram A. Church, Jerome Gault, Fannie Goss, Etta Ryder. Winter term: Frank A. and George W. Colby.

SAMUEL STEVENS DISTRICT, No. 11.

Only one term, taught by Miss Angie B. Colby; 12 weeks; 12 scholars. At the first of the term I found the school under good discipline, studies well arranged and conducted. I was notified of the close when a public examination was to take place. But on account of a severe storm no one was present. From report of parents, teacher and scholars, I think it was a profitable school.

Roll of Honor: Ella J. and Lettie Stevens, Hattie B. Loverin.

PERLEY DISTRICT, No. 12.

Only one term, taught by Ernest L. Abbott of New London; 8 weeks; 7 scholars. Visited this school during first week and found only three scholars present. The teacher appeared to be earnest, though there was a lack of preciseness on the part of both teacher and scholars in their recitations; the reading was fair. Was not notified of the close of the term.

Roll of Honor: Natt B., Daniel R. and Lizzie J. Clapp.

PEASLEE DISTRICT, No. 13.

Summer term, 9 weeks; 24 scholars; taught by Miss Angie B. Colby. The scholars are generally not so far advanced as other schools in town of equal size. At each visit the discipline appeared faultless and the examination was as thorough as any school in town during the past year.

Roll of Honor: Abby M. Hardy, Abby I. Powers, Arabel C. Heath.

Winter term, 8 1-5 weeks; 20 scholars; George F. Petten-gill of Enfield Centre, teacher. This teacher's reputation as a

teacher has been permantly established and wherever he teaches we expect a profitable school. The examination was fully equal to that of the summer term. A new feature at examination was reading of the scripture and naming the books of the Bible. This school has shown more improvement for the year than any other school in town.

Roll of Honor : Fred D. Chase.

In conclusion, we return our heartfelt gratitude to the prudential committees and citizens who have aided us in the discharge of our duties as school committee, and especially to friends and neighbors who have so generously assisted us, and for their sympathy during the recent sickness in our family and in the loss of children.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES McDANIEL,

Sup. School Committee of Springfield.

March 1,-1879.